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Milton Keynes Waste Recovery Park to provide innovative solution for black sack waste

Plans are progressing to build Milton Keynes Waste Recovery Park, a new state-of-the-art waste treatment facility in the borough which will deal with household "black sack" waste, the rubbish that's left over after recycling. It will also treat some commercial waste - rubbish created in offices, factories, shops and restaurants.

Milton Keynes Council has announced AmeyCespa as its preferred bidder to design, build and operate the facility which will be built in the Old Wolverton industrial area.
It will bring together three different technologies to treat waste which has not been reused, recycled or composted, rather than continuing to send it to landfill. The technologies will help extract more recyclable materials, as well as create renewable electricity - enough to power the equivalent of 11,000 homes, similar to the number in Wolverton and Newport Pagnell combined.

The benefits the proposals will deliver to Milton Keynes Council and its residents include:

- Reduced costs for local waste management – a saving of more than £50 million over the design life of the facility
- Increased recycling levels
- Landfill use cut by 95%
- Job creation – 200 during construction and 45 once operational
- On-site visitor and education centre for use by schools and the wider community

Over the coming months AmeyCespa will finalise its proposals for Milton Keynes Waste Recovery Park prior to submitting a planning application in 2013. As part of this, the company will undertake a comprehensive consultation programme and organise public exhibitions.

The dates and venues for the public exhibitions are:

- Thursday 24 January – Creed Street Theatre & Arts Centre, Creed Street, Wolverton MK12 5LY
- Friday 25 January - Creed Street Theatre & Arts Centre, Creed Street, Wolverton MK12 5LY
- Saturday 26 January Midsummer Place.

More details will be available through the project website closer to the time.

For further information visit:
www.mkwasterecovery.com

Join our Community Liaison Group

AmeyCespa is looking for interested residents to join the community liaison group for Milton Keynes Waste Recovery Park.

The group will be made up of representatives from the local community, parish councils and AmeyCespa. It will act as a forum for ideas and discussion, and will offer the chance to influence aspects of our planned facility and service whilst promoting the borough's waste priorities and making a difference to the future of waste treatment in Milton Keynes.

Initially, the group will meet every other month and will be community-led – in other words it will exist for as long as the community needs or wants it to.

If you are interested in joining the community liaison group, then please email:
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First review of Cinderella panto

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X Factor star is one of the family

SEE **PAGE 6**

Soccer ace Dan sets new record

A FOOTBALL freestyler from Milton Keynes has broken a world record for the most 'keepy-ups' – using only his lips.

Daniel Cutting, 25, bounced the ball on his lips for a consecutive 158 times, breaking the previous world record of 153 which he set last year.

The latest attempt, which still needs official confirmation, took place at Goals Soccer Centre in Isleworth, London, to support cancer charity initiative Movember.

Daniel said: "I'm absolutely buzzing, I definitely got over 153 which was my previous record. I can't believe it and I'm very happy. Even though I already had the world record it's always nice to push yourself to be the best."

Crackdown on drug criminals continues

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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POLICE chiefs behind a series of anti-drugs operations in Milton Keynes have issued a stark warning to criminals – 'we will find you'.

The on-going crackdown, one of the largest ever seen in the city, has so far involved more than 360 officers launching pre-dawn raids on nearly 40 homes.

On Thursday 21 people were arrested after 22 warrants were carried out across the city, and again yesterday morning 12 suspects were arrested when 15 addresses were targeted.

So far 15 people have been charged with offences, mainly involving class A drugs such as cocaine and heroin.

The operation also extended to London and Northampton, and one of those charged is from Coventry.

Large amounts of evidence are also being collected, including a loaded handgun that was found in one of the addresses and thousands of pounds of cash and drugs.

The initiative, called Operation Rouse, is designed to tackle not only drugs offences, but also crimes which are linked to drugs, including burglary and robbery.

Superintendent Barry Halliday, the Local Police Area Commander for Milton Keynes, has now issued a warning to criminals. He says they face spending Christmas in a cell as operations and arrests continue.

"Those who deal with drugs will be targeted," he said.

"Those who attempt to cause misery might find themselves spending Christmas in custody.

"If you are one of those individuals, I would recommend you come in and speak to us."

MK NEWS went out with police officers on their raids on Thursday morning. For a full report and pictures, see pages 20-21 and visit www.mk-news.co.uk for updates.

Sixty litres of milk spilt as float crashes

AROUND 60 litres of milk was spilled across a road after an accident involving a delivery float early on Monday morning.

The liquid, as well as broken bottles, ended up on the road following the accident at Bleak Hall roundabout, on the junction of Standing Way and Grafton Street, at 4.30am.

Police and the fire service were called, with one fire engine and a crew from Bletchley attending.

Firefighters first used mats and soil to block the drains, to try to prevent the milk from entering the drainage system.

If milk gets into drains it can cause a build up of grease, which in turn can block pipes.

Research from Edinburgh University has also suggested pouring milk down the drain can increase carbon footprints.

Following the incident Thames Valley Police also rang Milton Keynes Council as there was a possibility of the liquid on the road freezing and causing a hazard to motorists.

The council highways team then went out to grit the area and check the gullies to see how much liquid was spilt.

They also had to make sure there was no debris on the road such as broken glass.

Gullies at the side of the road were checked just before rush hour at 8am and were found to be almost clear or completely clear of milk so no further action was taken.

A council spokesman said there would be no additional cost involved in cleaning up the mess and making the road safe, as the highways team were already out gritting due to the wintery weather, and as there was no further action required for a clean up.

The council's environment services have also been informed of the incident. No one was hurt in the incident.

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The numbers all add up for Teni

FOR most of us December 12, 2012, is the last repetitive date we shall see in our lifetimes – 12/12/12.

But today one girl from Milton Keynes has more reason than most to celebrate the landmark.

That's because Teni Ramos will be celebrating her 12th birthday.

Teni, who lives in Monkston and attends Northampton School for Girls, says she has been looking forward to the day since one of her friends, Katy, celebrated her 11th birthday on November 11 last year.

And while she will still be attending school on her big day, Teni plans to celebrate later with a huge family party, with some of her relatives travelling from as far away as Singapore.

Mum Vimuyon said: "She has been telling people for years that this day will come."

Although it is not a repetitive date in the same sense, the next significant date is in eight days time, when we will reach December 20, 2012 – or 20/12/2012.

If you are celebrating a significant event on this date, or have hit a special milestone today, such as a 12th anniversary, then get in touch with the MK NEWS newsdesk on editor@mk-news.co.uk.

Birthday girl: Teni Ramos from Monkston has turned 12-years-old today – on 12/12/12

Bekah, 15, is shaving her head for charity

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A BRAVE 15-year-old girl is getting ready to completely shave her head in aid of a children's cancer charity.

Denbigh School student Rebeckah Tompkins, from Shenley Lodge, is taking on the challenge next month in order to raise cash for the Teenage Cancer Trust.

Bekah has only been raising money for a week but already she has more than £900. As her original target was £1,000, she is now aiming for £1,500.

She has been promoting her fundraising effort, which will take place on January 7, by making a video and posting it to YouTube.

Bekah said: "When I was younger I always wanted to do stuff to help people with problems such as cancer.

"I had always wanted to shave my hair but I was worried people would laugh at me, and I didn't have enough confidence.

"But now I'm older I realise people won't judge me for it.

"My friend has been diagnosed with cancer so I decided now would be the right time to do it."

She says her friends and family have been very supportive so far.

Mum Dianne said she has warned Bekah that her hair might grow back thicker than before, but that she knows what she's letting herself in for.

"I think it's fantastic what she's doing at her age," she said. "You don't get many people the same age who would do this."

Bekah said a wig will also be made out of her hair, that will be used by a child suffering with cancer.

If you want to find out more about Bekah and her challenge, go to YouTube and search 'Going bald for Teenage Cancer Trust!'

To donate, go to www.justgiving.com/bekah-tompkins.

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Post staff are thanked

ROYAL Mail staff in Newport Pagnell have been thanked for their hard work in the festive period by MP Mark Lancaster, after he paid a visit to their delivery office on Monday. The MP for Milton Keynes North took a tour of the office, and was introduced to post men and women.

Conniburrow Christmas

A CHRISTMAS celebration will take place for residents in Conniburrow on Monday. Children at Southwood and Germander Park Schools have been making lanterns, and will parade from Germander Park to the Christmas tree in the local park for carol singing, dancing and refreshments.

The Hub on a Food Bank drive

THIS month The Hub in CMK is running a Facebook campaign to raise much-needed cash for The Food Bank charity.

For every 'like' the restaurant quarter receives on its Facebook page, it will donate £1 to the charity which provides food parcels to families and individuals who need it most.

The restaurants and shops in The Hub are also doing their bit by setting up customer donation points, and staff at Raymond Blanc's Brasserie Blanc held a donation day when everyone from chefs to waiters and management all brought in food contributions.

To support the campaign, go to www.facebook.com/thehubmk.

Jewellery taken in Olney burglary

JEWELLERY and electrical items were stolen in a burglary in Olney last Friday.

Between 6.30-10pm offenders broke into a house in The Oxleys after forcing open a rear door.

The offenders stole the items and let themselves out through the front door after unlocking it from the inside. They left the scene by jumping over a wall to the side of the property.

Anyone with information about this incident, or anyone acting suspiciously at the time, should call DC Wendy Cissel on 101.

Dramatic: Firefighters use a ladder platform to tackle the blaze which destroyed a property in Bletchley

Forty firefighters at house blaze

HOMES were evacuated after two houses caught fire in Calder Vale, Bletchley.

Almost 40 firefighters were called to tackle the blaze, with six fire engines on the scene at one point from as far away as Kempston and Winslow. They answered a call to the houses off Shenley Road, at around 10.26am on Friday.

The fire destroyed an end terrace house, which was 100 per cent damaged during the incident. Part of the roof also collapsed. The roof of the house next door was also damaged.

Firefighters had to force entry into a third house to prevent the fire from spreading.

Shenley Road had to be closed.

The fire is not believed to be suspicious and no one was hurt.

Incident commander Paul Harrison said officers worked hard to prevent the fire spreading to other houses.

'Ban glass' group heading to No.10

BY JAMES AVERILL
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THE parents of an MK man who was attacked with a bottle will head to Downing Street after 115,000 people signed their petition calling for a ban on glass in late night clubs.

Marjorie and Robert Goulding founded Pop Campaign after their son Blake was attacked with a glass bottle on Christmas Eve in 2004.

The brutal incident left Blake fighting for his life after losing four pints of blood, and he is now permanently scarred on his face and neck.

Since then the pair have called for glass to be banned from pubs and clubs in city centres after 11pm, stating that they should be replaced with polycarbonate glasses and PET bottles.

Their petition has attracted 115,560 signatures, and they will head down to London on Tuesday to present 2,500 of them to the Government.

The group claim that the scheme has been implemented successfully in a number of towns in the UK.

This includes Bournemouth, where the use of polycarbonate glass has reduced the number of violently sustained injuries in A&E by 70 per cent.

The group says if that success were to be replicated across the country then it would save millions for the taxpayer.

And Marjorie hopes the raised awareness of the campaign will lead to the necessary changes.

"Glass related incidents can be and should be prevented," she said.

"When we are able to produce polycarbonate glasses and PET bottles, why is a mind-altering substance served in a potential weapon? If this bill is passed, it will save millions in taxpayers' money and save more people from becoming a victim."

MKNEWS BRIEFS

MK1 open MK1

THE brand new MK1 retail and shopping park at stadiummk was officially opened at the weekend – by MK1. The X Factor band made an appearance on Sunday to mark the opening. Retailer Primark is due to open its first Milton Keynes store there this morning (Wed), following the openings of Marks & Spencer, H&M and others.

Broughton burglary

A LAPTOP and iPad were stolen in a burglary from a home in Broughton last week. On Tuesday, December 4 between 1.30-3.30pm, offenders broke into the home in London Road through an insecure back door. Anyone with information should call PC Jade Trower on 101.

'Free-running' gym is set to open

A GYM purpose-built for parkour, or free-running, is set to be opened in the city – and will be the first of its kind in the UK.

Paramount Parkour Academy, run by city parkour pioneer Ruel DaCosta, has signed a contract with Kingston gymnastics centre to open the extreme sport gym.

Set to open on February 2 next year, the gym will hold adult and children classes, and a parkour fitness class. It will include 'urban' areas with bars, gaps, walls and jumps along with crash mats for safety.

Paramount Parkour currently has around 700 students and teaches in schools across Milton Keynes and Bedford.

Choir's 50th Christmas bash

A CHOIR is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year and is holding its Christmas concert on Saturday.

The Newport Pagnell Singers, who started belting out tunes in 1962, is putting on its annual concert at Newport Pagnell Parish Church from 7.30pm.

Olney brass band are joining in, performing a mix of carols and festive classics, and audience participation is encouraged.

This year the singers are raising money for the Thames Valley and Chiltern Air Ambulance.

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Forget the old guard, it's time for new ideas

SIR – In response to Cllr Long (MK LETTERS, November 28), I find it amusing that Labour have the gall to suggest that they know a way out of the financial mess this country finds itself in.

They led us to our current situation and have quite happily sat back and added nothing constructive to the solution.

One thing is clear from recent elections, Labour and the Conservative Party need to question their position on Europe and treat UKIP as the threat to their safe seats.

I shall not try and convince the public with large numbers or pathetic percentages. People know only too well that figures can be made to look good or bad.

The tired old parties have had their chance and now it's time to move over. Nigel Long can keep his sunblock in his pocket because his party will be in our shadow for a while yet!

Cllr Lee Barney
Walton Park

Don't play politics with jobs and businesses

SIR – I was pleased that two well known right wing Tories should respond to my attempt to open up a serious debate on the long term impact of a Government positioning itself on the fringes of Europe (MK LETTERS, December 5).

We live in an age of global markets but the fact remains that many businesses in Milton Keynes and thousands of jobs, depend on our city and country being seen as a welcoming part of Europe.

The EU market is larger than the USA and Japan together. Gross Domestic Product (GDP), the measure of goods and services produced, is around £11trillion. According to the Government's business department 3.5 million jobs in Britain depend on Europe.

The UKIP wing of the Tory party argues that we can have the single market without the European Union. This is a flawed argument. I know from my years teaching economics that where business locates, and who it trades with, can be seriously affected by the relationship with an area or country. That is why the council and inward investor organisations in MK argue that the city must be attractive to incoming business.

The argument is simple. Tory and UKIP hostility to Europe, may be easy politics, but ultimately whilst they play politics, the jobs of workers in MK and local business are in danger.

Cllr Nigel Long
Bletchley

Could you say that again in plain English

SIR – I was interested to read the article on the possible sale of Midsummer Place by Legal & General Property (LGP), MK NEWS, December 5.

Their spokesman said that LGP had put in place "a significant number of asset management initiatives in order to successfully improve the tenant mix and drive footfall."

Could you possibly ask a different spokesman to explain in plain English what this means?

Allan Whitefield
Bradwell Common

Think carefully before deciding on Primark

SIR – Regarding suggestions that Primark move into the Waitrose building. Why not take over the old Sainsbury's as well.

There is a magnificent car park at Waitrose, why not let Primark take it over, with a ticketing system and refund any charges if there was a minimum purchase from their store? This would allow people to get their bargains, come into the centre and not be afraid of the escalating cost of parking.

Then the market could stay where it is and the food court small retailers would not be affected.

We are now a city with culture, but the Theatre side will become like a ghost area if these buildings are not used.

Best to sit tight and not rush into decisions that could affect the status of our vibrant city.

Helen Black
Sent by e-mail

Views on raising parking charges

You can find more comments on www.mk-news.co.uk

Yes, I know where they can find some money. They can stop officers wasting developers' contributions (S106 funds) on idiotic schemes such as the £100k footpath to nowhere at Elder Gate, which, as predicted, nobody uses. And £1.2m on the MK Rose!

Lonestar

This will be yet another tax on employees who work for firms in the city centre, who have to drive to the office each day as their job requires them to visit clients around the city during the day. Another cost to businesses which indicates a move out of the city centre at the next rent review should be considered. Never mind, more room for city centre living (i.e. flats).

Paul

It was only three years ago when green bays were removed that prices went up. Also how can a 33 per cent increase on purple bays be justified? This will surely mean that permit prices will go up, and if it's the same percentage increase that will be a shocking £360 per year instead of £270. That compares with £225 three years ago.

David

Jon Brett's City Life

His column written exclusively for MK NEWS

X Factor star George is just one of the family

IT'S FAIR to say there's been a bit of reality TV fever in the Brett household recently.

I'm not just talking about the rumble in the jungle that was the brilliant I'm A Celebrity, I'm talking X Factor. But with good reason.

Boy band Union J, voted off in the semi-finals, feature ultra-talented George Shelley, who is non-other than Mrs Brett's cousin's son!

According to mentor Louis Walsh, George and the boys are tipped to be the 'next big boy band' and most acts voted off in the semis do extremely well. Think current pop sensations One Direction, JLS, Olly Murs and others.

While for winners such as Steve Brookstein, Matt Cardle, Shane Ward and Leon Jackson, success has been a little more, well, elusive.

So imagine the excitement when tickets for the semi final came our way. An evening which kicked off at the ITV studios in Wembley – which is much smaller than you might imagine, followed by hanging out with Union J and the other semi-finalists at their swanky London hotel, The Corinthia. And we're talking top dollar – a Diet Coke will set you back a fiver!

But this is where London's coolest celebs hang out. Cheryl Cole was staying at the hotel that night.

And so George, from Bristol, one of the politest 18-year-olds I've ever met, is really heading for the big time, with a UK tour planned.

When I told him he would be featuring in MK NEWS, he had this message: "I'd like to thank everyone in Milton Keynes who voted for us and we hope you come and see us in concert soon."

Pictured: George with me at the Corinthia. George is on the right!

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Students help design new statue

A SCHOOL has unveiled a huge new statue.

Mayor of Milton Keynes Catriona Morris and badminton ace Anthony Clark helped White Spire School headteacher Maria Penicud to reveal the new statue, at the Bletchley school's entrance.

Designed by London-based Guttfield Architecture, the sculpture was designed using students' ideas and the logo for the school, which is two spires that twist around each other.

Architect Fred Guttfield said: "We held design workshops with students to get their ideas on how the logo could be developed into a design for a large sculpture.

"As well as giving input on the shape of the spires, students chose colours for the spires, gave ideas for lighting and decided on wording for the base."

Architects also redesigned the car park, which now features a traffic island for the sculpture and extra spaces for staff.

Mr Guttfield added: "We have found the process of working with the students and staff from White Spire School a hugely exciting and rewarding one."

Unveiled: Mayor of Milton Keynes Catriona Morris reveals the statue with headteacher Maria Penicud and badminton player Anthony Clark

Anger over plans for Secklow Gate

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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THE battle for one of the city's bridges is hotting up as decision day moves closer.

A protest is being held outside Milton Keynes Council's offices this morning over plans to demolish Secklow Gate bridge and extend thecentre:mk to accommodate a new Primark.

The applicants at thecentre:mk have now collected more than 9,000 signatures in support of the plans.

Pressure group Xplain were due to stage a demonstration outside the council's Silbury Boulevard offices this morning, because its members say the bridge is a much needed asset for the city centre.

But if plans are approved at a meeting in January, the bridge, which spans the shopping centre, will be knocked down to make way for a 90,000-square-feet, three-storey extension, to house the clothing retailer.

Leader of Xplain, Linda Inoki, said: "We are not protesting against Primark, we are quite happy to see it open in the city centre, but not on this site.

"This site is so important to Milton Keynes, all that live, visit, invest in and work here.

"The message is hands off – this is our city centre, not for your private profits."

But thecentre:mk says support is growing for its plans, as it continues to collect signatures in favour of the scheme.

Development director Jonathan Weymouth said: "We have always felt the support for our proposals vastly outweighs those who oppose development in Central Milton Keynes. With numbers continuing to grow in support of bringing Primark to CMK, we are confident that the momentum is with us."

Primark at MK1 was due to open today at stadiummk.

MKNEWS BRIEFS

Kids' £6k charity effort

STUDENTS from Shenley Brook End School have raised £6,200 to purchase a maternity bed for Milton Keynes Hospital, which was the charity cause chosen by the pupils last year. Teacher Laura Davies and three students will be handing over the cheque next Wednesday.

Council saves energy

MILTON Keynes Council has reduced its electricity usage in both of its main office buildings to the lowest level since 2000, meaning it is now saving £31,000 a year at current energy prices. It has done this by improving the heating and cooling systems and installing energy-efficient lighting with motion sensors.

Christmas festival is 'biggest yet'

THOUSANDS of people enjoyed the annual Festival of Christmas at Bletchley Park thanks to a free voucher in MK NEWS.

The weekend's celebrations featured more than 40 stalls, showcased some of the area's finest musical talent, and held creative workshops for children.

Some kids wrote their letters to Santa before joining the queue to meet Father Christmas in person.

There was a display by local performing arts students, while hair and beauty students also demonstrated their skills live.

Gennaro Corrado, coordinator for the event, said that this year had 'been the biggest to date.'

New PCC meets councillors

THAMES Valley's new Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) met with councillors for the first time last week.

Tory PCC Anthony Stansfeld met with the Police and Crime Panel on Thursday, a group formed of one councillor from each Thames Valley local authority, including MK councillor Peter Geary.

The panel questioned the commissioner on his policies and objectives, and about proposals to appoint Wycombe District and Bucks County councillor David Carroll as deputy PCC.

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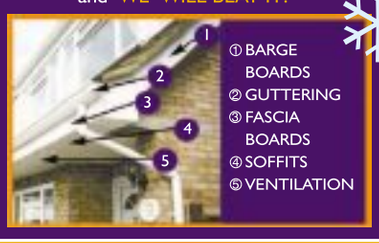

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Royal reveal: Princess Anne unveils the commemorative JVM stack, now on show at Marshall in Bletchley

Princess Anne visits Marshall

MARSHALL Amps was given the royal seal of approval when Princess Anne visited the factory on Thursday.

HRH The Princess Royal arrived at the Bletchley-based firm to help round off its 50th anniversary celebrations.

Princess Anne toured the factory and was shown Marshall's very first amplifier, known as the Holy Grail of Tone, before meeting several board members who explained the intricate process of making amplifiers.

Princess Anne then made a speech where she acknowledged the sad loss of company founder Jim Marshall, who died in April.

She also officially unveiled the commemorative JVM stack, which will now be on show in the reception of the company's headquarters.

Over 160 people are employed at the music amplifier factory, which has been based in the area since moving from London in 1967.

They make over 4,000 units a month that are sold across the globe.

Warden axe plan faces opposition

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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THE city's Labour party is preparing to fight to ensure neighbourhood wardens continue to work within the community.

As reported last week by MK NEWS, the ruling Tories at Milton Keynes Council are proposing to axe their neighbourhood wardens to save £125,000 in the next financial year.

Currently six wardens are employed by the council to work with communities on reducing antisocial behaviour, litter and to generally improve the estates where they are based. Some parish councils also employ their own wardens, who would not be affected by this change.

Earlier this year Rob Harriman, a warden who works mainly within the Fishermead community, won through to the finals of the national Pride of Britain awards for his efforts.

But if the proposal is rubberstamped at a meeting in February, this kind of work will stop.

Labour councillor Nigel Long told MK NEWS: "We are extremely worried about the neighbourhood wardens issue.

"They are a big resource. We may not support the budget if we don't get an assurance about community safety.

"We want to stop the posts being deleted."

Conservative councillor in charge of finance, Edith Bald, said that whereas some parish councils pay for their wardens, MK taxpayers are footing the bill for other areas and so the current system is unfair.

She added that some difficult choices have to be made, but they will listen to suggestions.

She said: "There's an option for parishes that aren't paying for wardens at the moment to pay themselves by upping their precepts."

MKNEWS BRIEFS

Building site burgled

A BUILDING site in Gyosei Gardens, Willen Park, was burgled between 1pm on Saturday, December 1 and 7.30am on Monday, December 3. Thieves stole Whirlpool items including a five function Simple Oven and a 1200rpm F1 washing machine. Anyone with information should call PC Jade Trower on 101.

Forces discounts

A SCHEME that will see a high street discount card introduced for serving personnel, their families and veterans of the armed forces, has been welcomed by MP Mark Lancaster. He said: "These cards are a token of the huge appreciation we have for members of the forces."

Labour picks MK North candidate

LABOUR has selected a former small business owner and Treasury Adviser to challenge for Milton Keynes North against Tory MP Mark Lancaster in the next general election.

Emily Darlington, who was a special adviser to Alistair Darling until 2008, was chosen by Milton Keynes North Labour members as their prospective Parliamentary candidate in Milton Keynes North last week.

Local Labour members met on Saturday to decide, and Mrs Darlington received a clear majority of votes. She joins Andrew Pakes, who was selected as Labour's candidate for Milton Keynes South last year.

Junior Rangers are signed up

TWENTY schools have now signed up for The Parks Trust's Junior Rangers scheme.

Six children from Emerson Valley School were appointed Junior Rangers on Monday, and will now tell others in their school about how to keep the parks clean, healthy and full of wildlife.

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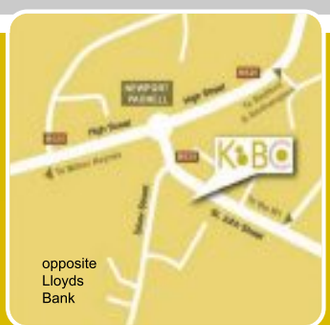

PANTOMIME REVIEW

You will have a ball at Cinderella

BY JAMES AVERILL
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THE sign of a good pantomime is when both the children and adults leave the theatre with smiles on their faces.

And this latest adaptation of Cinderella at Milton Keynes Theatre delivers on both fronts.

The most recognised name on the bill is Pineapple Dance Studio's Louie Spence.

The camp celebrity can often split opinion, but even if you're not usually a fan, you can still enjoy his performance as Dandini, a role in which he pokes plenty of fun at himself.

TV presenter Anna Williamson plays the title character, and Andrew Derbyshire is the dashing Prince Charming.

The star of the show is comedy pianist Kev Orkian, who turns in a witty and engaging performance as loyal servant Buttons.

Then of course there's the Ugly Sisters, played by Paul Burnham and John Barr.

These two characters alone could have used up the entire costume budget, with each of their outfits more bizarre than the last.

Anna Williamson as Cinderella. For more pics see www.mk-news.co.uk

The music appeals to a broad range of ages, with performances spanning from 'Let It Be' to the big pop hit 'Gangnam Style'.

Parents will also be glad to hear that most of the double entendres went straight over the heads of the attending children.

The highlight for most in the audience was the appearance of some real life Shetland Ponies, acting as the transport to the ball for our heroine.

The final result is a pantomime that caters for all ages, delivers a good gag to laugh ratio, and above all, leaves you smiling.

Cinderella runs at MK Theatre until January 6th.

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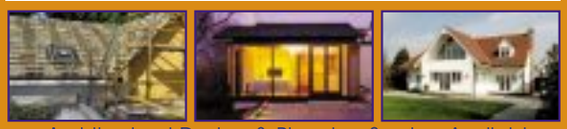

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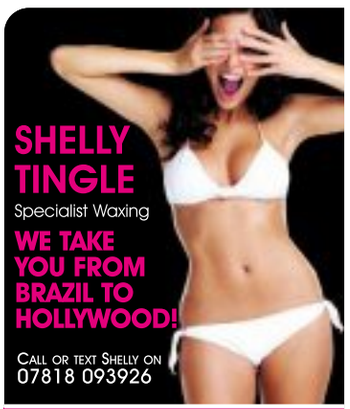

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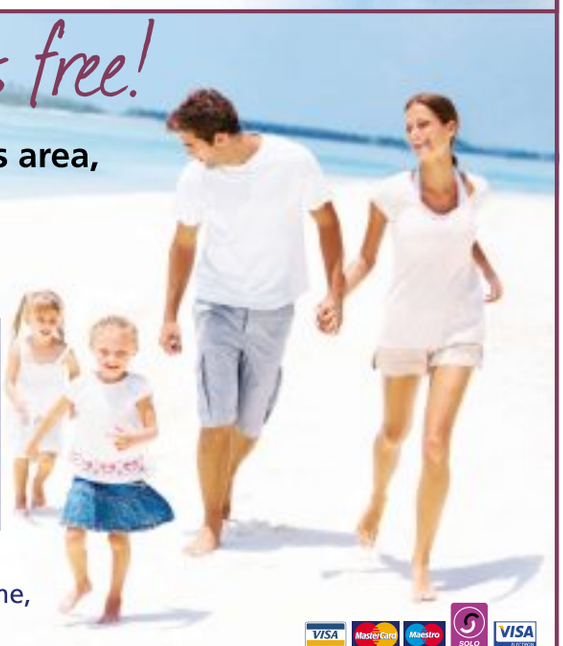

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Man denies two murders at trial

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A MAN accused of murdering two teenagers has said he was at his sister's home at the time of the killings.

Fuad Awale, 25, of no fixed abode, is said to have killed fellow Somalis Mohammed Abdi Farah, 19, and 18-year-old Amin Ahmed Ismail in a dispute over 'drug turf' in Fishermead in May last year.

He and co-defendants Sharmake Abdulkadir, 22, of The Fleet, Springfield, and Yahya Harun, 22, of Fishermead Boulevard, all deny murder.

Mr Abdulkadir also denies possession of a firearm with intent to commit an indictable offence.

Mohammed and Amin were shot in the head after a confrontation with five others on the Fishermead estate just after 10pm on May 26.

Mr Awale, who has a full beard and glasses and spoke through an interpreter, took the stand last week during the Luton Crown Court hearing.

Asked if he knew Mohammed, he said he had met him at the beginning of May. He went on: "When I first met him we argued and after that we became friends." He said he did not know Ismail, the other boy who was murdered.

Shooting victims: Mohammed Abdi Farah, left, and Amin Ahmed Ismail

He denied he was a drug dealer, said he had never supplied drugs and was not owed money by Mohammed.

His barrister Richard Barraclough QC asked: "Did you have any reason to harm him?" He replied: "No."

Mr Awale told the jury that he was at his sister's in Milton Keynes at the time of the killings.

He said that his co-defendant Mr Abdulkadir told him that the murders were carried out by his cousin who had come down from Leicester.

He said the cousin was about his height, very dark skinned and was aged 26 to 29.

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And 15-year-old Sammy, a Webber Independent School student, made an appearance as he showed off his skills on the Daytona kart track in Rooksley and reviewed a new F1 computer game.

Rethink call over wind turbine rule

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A RETHINK is being urged over a controversial council policy on wind turbines.

As revealed last week by MK NEWS, Milton Keynes Council is facing a big legal bill over a potential High Court challenge from energy company RWE Npower Renewables.

RWE has been given permission to launch a judicial review over a council policy which means wind turbines would have to be built more than a kilometre away from the nearest dwelling rather than 350 metres.

Now the city's Labour party is urging the council to reconsider the policy before money is spent on the looming court case.

Andrew Pakes, Labour Parliamentary spokesman for Milton Keynes, said: "This is a serious situation which could lead to a high cost for council tax payers in the borough.

"Labour has always warned that this policy risked a High Court challenge.

"Whilst it is right for the council to set out local planning conditions, this new guidance says more about Tory prejudice on renewable energy than it does about local needs. We all know money is tight, so the council needs to think again before risking further legal costs and making the city a laughing stock if we lose the case."

But speaking to MK NEWS Tory council leader Andrew Geary said they 'owe it to the citizens of Milton Keynes to defend this policy'.

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The show visited Milton Keynes after an investigation by MK NEWS exposed a builder leaving customers with unfinished work.

Host Melinda Messenger visited PHS in Bletchley who donated materials to finish a wet-room at the home of a family where the mother suffers from spinal arthritis. The house was in chaos after builders left work incomplete.

Chris Leighton (PHS), Melinda and David Acheson (Roman's)

Group aiming to stop Xmas Day loneliness

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A CHARITABLE group that aims to prevent people being lonely on Christmas Day is calling for volunteers – and people to enjoy the free meals they'll be serving!

The MK Christian Foundation is launching a project called Alone At Christmas, whereby it will cook for people on Christmas Day who might not otherwise have a place to go to enjoy the normal festivities.

It currently has around 20 volunteers, but it is still looking for people who might want to go along for a free meal.

Tracey Jarvis, a lead volunteer, said: "We need people to nominate others who would benefit from this.

"We are also looking for someone to play Father Christmas on the day."

The group will be spending Christmas Eve and early Christmas Day cooking a full festive feast with all of the trimmings, which will be served at Foundation House in Wolverton between 12.30-3.30pm.

Alone At Christmas has been started using a small grant from Wolverton Town Council. The group says there is little in the local area offering a lunch on Christmas Day when people are most likely to be feeling lonely, sad or unloved due to their circumstances.

As well as 'customers', it is looking for people to share the workload including driving, meeting and greeting, washing up, preparing drinks and entertainers.

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On behalf of Newport Pagnell Town Council and the Staff at Middleton Pool, we wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Regards: Sean O'Connor (Leisure Facilities Manager)

New year timetable

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Eight-year-old Lily Wares aims to raise £50,000 for brother Lewis, left, with her song

Pop stars aid charity single

BY JAMES AVERILL
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A CHRISTMAS charity single starring Tony Hadley and Paul Young is aiming to raise £50,000 to help a five-year-old boy walk on his own.

The pop stars helped contribute to Happy Birthday JC, a song thought up by eight-year-old Lily Wares.

It will raise money for her brother Lewis, who suffers from Dipilegic Cerebral Palsy. The condition means that Lewis can walk only very short distances and mostly uses a wheelchair.

The family originally hail from Wolverton, but moved to a new home in Northamptonshire nearly three years ago. The money raised will go towards sending Lewis to the USA for a special kind of operation which could help his condition and allow him to walk on his own.

The song was penned by Lewis's grandfather Stewart Blandamer, a songwriter who helped write hits for acts such as Tom Jones and Frankie Miller.

His mother Emma, 49, said: "If we can get the CD out there it could be a Christmas number one."

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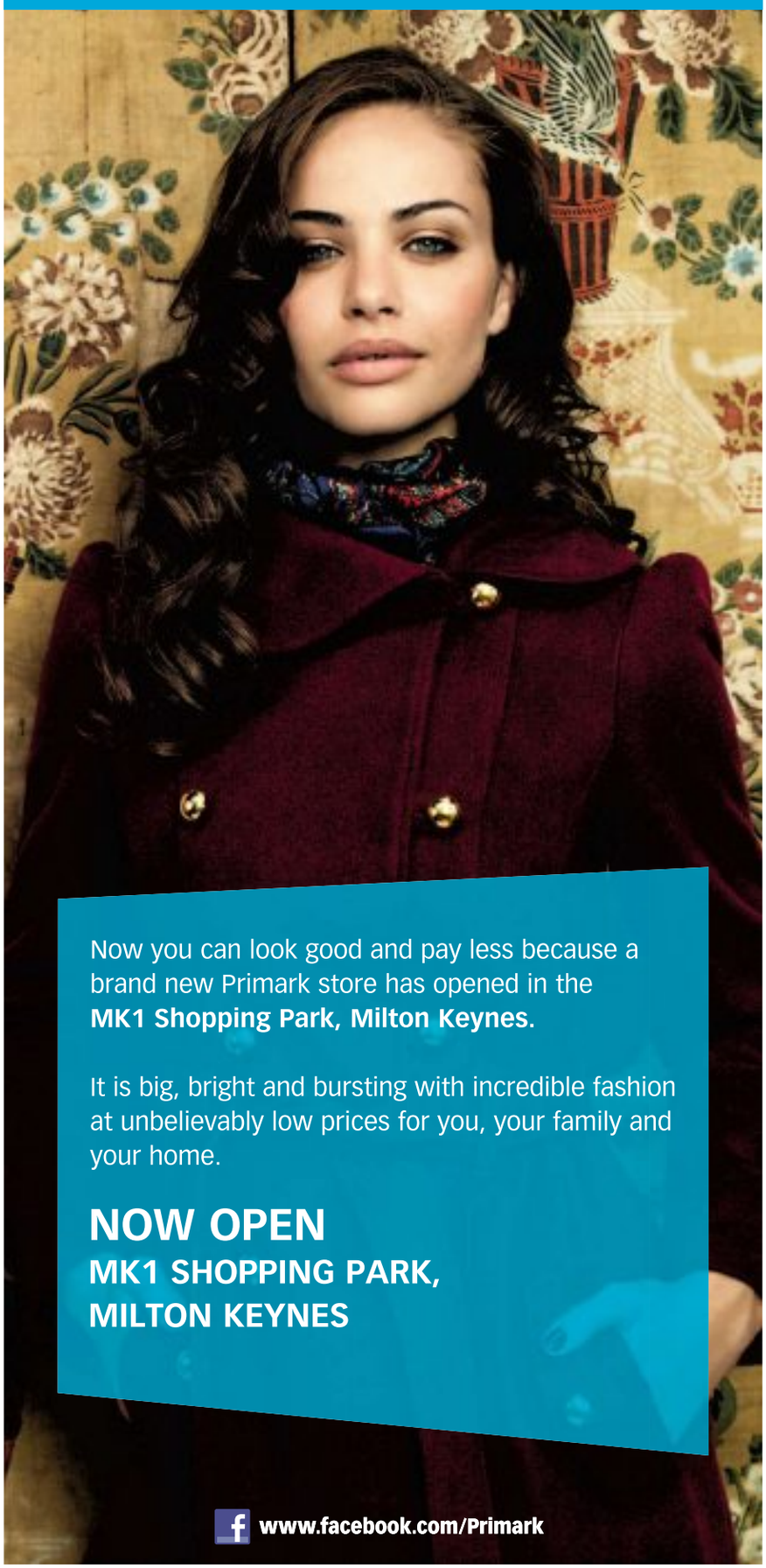

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£50m bill for rail bid shambles

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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VIRGIN Trains is set to continue operating the West Coast Main Line for the next 23 months – but the botched franchise competition could cost taxpayers £50million.

The two announcements were made last week, following a period of uncertainty over who would be running the line through Milton Keynes.

The Department for Transport announced the new franchise agreement on Thursday, which will include an extra 28,000 seats per day.

Then on Friday, spending watchdog the National Audit Office released a report into the potential costs of re-running the competition for the line.

The new franchise agreement will run until November 2014, when a fresh long-term franchise will begin.

Labour Parliamentary spokesman Andrew Pakes said: "This announcement with Virgin ends months of uncertainty for passengers but the Government still has big questions to answer about this incompetent mess.

"The Government appears to have dropped plans to cut fares on the route and we don't know what will happen when the franchise is re-tendered in 23 months' time."

MP for Milton Keynes South Iain Stewart, who sits on the Parliamentary Transport Select Committee, said: "Passengers on the West Coast line will be seeing additional carriages and services on the line right away.

"I've asked the Secretary of State to make sure that, when the long-term franchise is let, the substantial improvements promised over the next decade will be delivered."

Olympian: Gold medallist Amy Williams

Search begins for new Olympic stars

THE search for future Winter Olympic stars got underway in Milton Keynes on Thursday as the Ice Age SNO!ympics came to SNO!zone.

Olympic heroes past, present and future, including 2010 skeleton bob gold medallist Amy Williams, visited the snow dome to give help and advice as school children aged from seven to 11 competed in a variety of mini winter sports.

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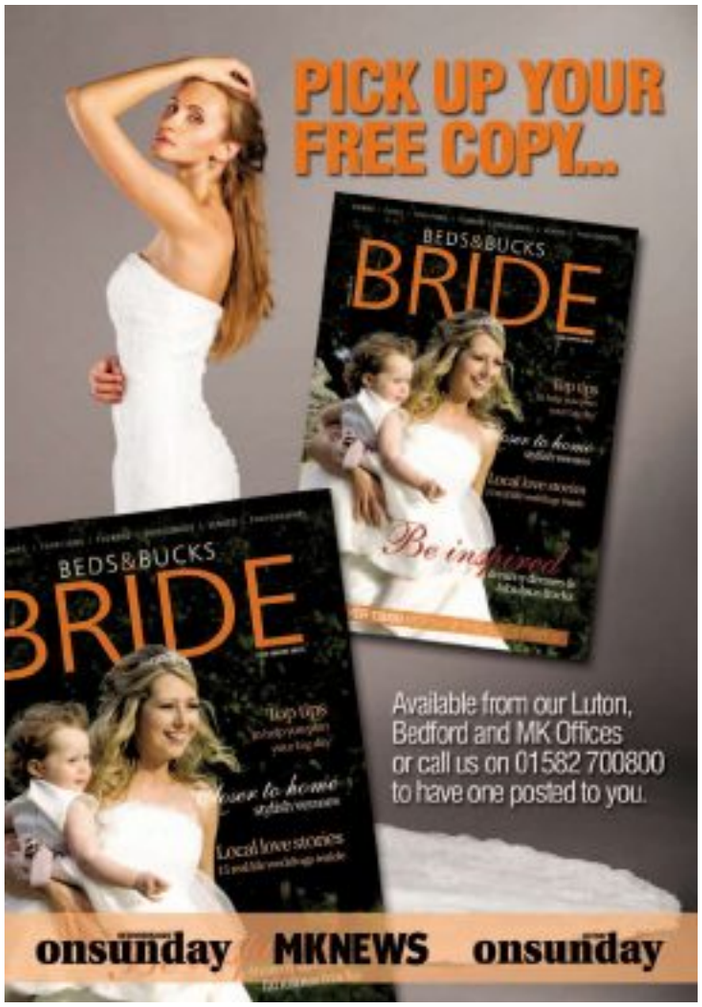

Crackdown on drugs

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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IN THE cold and frosty early hours of Thursday morning, MK NEWS joined Thames Valley Police on one of its biggest drug operations to date.

At 5.30am hundreds of police men and women gathered at stadiummk for the culmination of months of work on Operation Rouse, which is targeting the city's drugs trade.

Dozens of marked and unmarked vans and cars filled the parking spaces of the new MK1 shopping centre, with a queue of police vehicles spilling out onto Grafton Street.

Minutes later they all dispersed to 22 addresses right across the city, including Newport Pagnell, Stony Stratford and Wolverton.

We joined a convoy of five cars as we headed to an address in Shenley Church End. Immediately officers were smashing their way into the home of a suspect, rousing neighbours with the noise.

A man was easily and quickly apprehended – one of the many success stories of that morning's work. In total 22 warrants were carried out, and 21 arrests were made.

The operation continued on Monday as three men were arrested and charged, and then yesterday morning as a further 15 raids took place, again in varying locations across the city.

That resulted in the arrest of 12 suspects. They remain under investigation.

The man that we watched being led away from the address in Shenley Church End has since been charged with five counts of possession of a class A drug with intent to supply and one count of possession of a class B drug.

As MK NEWS went to press, a total of 15 men had been charged with a whole string of drugs offences, mainly relating to class A drugs such as cocaine and heroin.

Detained: A suspect is led away

They include a 17-year-old boy from Milton Keynes, who cannot be named for legal reasons, who has been charged with five counts of possession of a class A drug with intent to supply.

Of those arrested, six men and two women have been bailed to various dates in December and January.

It is hoped the operation will see a continued reduction in drug-related crime, such as burglary, in Milton Keynes.

Following the operation, Superintendent Barry Halliday said: "This has been a thorough, complex but productive investigation.

"We targeted those that do the most damage to those who reside, work in or visit Milton Keynes.

"Those who deal with drugs will be targeted.

"Related offences such as burglary have a significant impact on victims, and by targeting offenders who deal and take drugs this will have a greater impact on other types of crime.

"We would urge anyone who has information about these types of crimes to dial 101."

To see a full picture gallery of last Thursday's operation, and for more updates on this story, visit www.mk-news.co.uk or follow MK NEWS on Twitter @thisisMKNews.

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Campbell Park sheep is found killed by dog

BY ADAM GRINSELL

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A SHEEP owned by The Parks Trust that was grazing in Campbell Park has been killed by a dog.

The dead animal was discovered on Wednesday morning by a farmer.

Sheep were only released into the park the day before, and it is thought the attack happened either on Tuesday evening or early the following morning.

A spokesman for The Parks Trust said: "Please keep dogs on a lead and under control when walking past the sheep.

"We have signs around the park telling people to do so, and we really do ask people to please respect that."

Dogs should never be allowed to chase wildlife or other animals in the park.

The Parks Trust, the charity which looks after the city's parks and green spaces, regularly releases sheep into the park to graze.

The flock grazes about half the park and are a vital conservation tool, helping to manage large areas of grassland in order to create a much richer diversity of wildlife.

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Like all domestic animals and wildlife, sheep are sensitive to loud noises and sudden movements and The Parks Trust is urging everyone to continue to enjoy the park but also to take special care when travelling through grazing areas.

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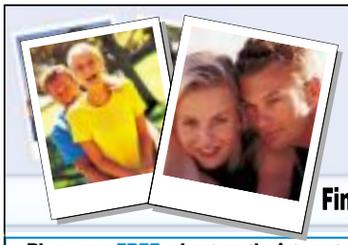

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Martin Freeman of The Office fame has been cast in the main role as Hobbit Bilbo Baggins and Ian McKellen returns as Gandalf.

A great treat for Christmas.

gallery party

YOU can join MK Gallery for their annual Christmas Party on Friday.

There will be craft stalls from 5pm with speeches, live music, free seasonal food and a paybar from 7pm.

Between 5pm and 10pm will be the preview of 'Hemmed In: Embroidery and Needlework from MK and Beyond' – an exhibition of embroidery and needlecraft from the 1930s to the present day, made by over fifty practitioners.

It is being organised with the MK Embroiderers Guild and Jamie Chalmers, aka Mr X Stitch.

You can RSVP for both events at the MK Gallery website, www.mkgallery.org.

sno joke

THERE'S more comedy at the SNO!Bar at Xscape this evening (Wednesday, December 12) if you fancy a pre-Christmas laugh.

Regular comic Carl Donnelly headlines the night, someone you are bound to have seen if you watch Mock The Week or Stand Up For The Week.

He regularly performs up and down the country and has also appeared on Russell Howard's Good News.

Described as a 'great stand-up' by Jimmy Carr, he is definitely one to watch out for.

Tickets are £10 and doors open at 7pm. For group discounts you can call Mel on 01908 680824.

THE Parks Trust Community Ranger, Natalie Dewhirst, talks about keeping us safe while we enjoy the parks in the winter

I'M ONE of three community rangers at The Parks Trust and we patrol all 5,000 acres of land we own and care for in Milton Keynes.

This is no regular nine to five job – I'm out of the office for 70 per cent of the time (which I love) and I regularly work evenings and weekends too.

My area is the Northern Parks, so you'll see me at Willen Lake, patrolling the land along the Grand Union Canal, across the Ouse Valley Park and up to Stony Stratford and our agricultural land at Passenham.

My job is to ensure that our parks are safe and people use them appropriately, which by and large they do. We work closely with Thames Valley Police and Bucks Fire and Rescue to manage any problems and we also do a lot with SaferMK, particularly water safety.

Over the winter we'll be spreading the message 'Don't Dice With Ice', so we'll be putting up warning signs and checking that people and their dogs aren't venturing onto the frozen lakes, ponds or waterways.

We have a lot of grazing animals in the Northern Parks and, unfortunately, have had a few incidents of dogs worrying our sheep. I've recently completed inspections of our grazing areas – checking that signage is in place, that locks are secure and that there are no gaps in fences for sheep to wriggle through.

It's brilliant having a job where you get the chance to meet people and give them advice about things like new walking areas to try and new parks to visit.

I hope to have the chance to meet more of you next year when, as part of our 2013 events programme, the community rangers will lead Ranger Rambles and Bark in the Park walks.

wintickets

WIN one of five family tickets for a Christmas Safari and a visit to see Santa!

Christmas is just around the corner and what better way to spend it than at a magical Safari Park?

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If the weather is nothing but frightful, Woburn Safari Park has plenty of indoor activities to fill your day, with showings of Sleigh Ride 3D in the new Sea Lion Cove 3D cinema, along with the indoor Sea Lion demonstration!

Prices have dropped this winter season and you can book online at www.woburn.co.uk. Open Friday, Saturday and Sunday all through the winter and open daily for the holidays from December 27 to January 7.

If that wasn't enough, they have opened the frosty doors to Santa's Grotto! Make Christmas extra special with a visit to see Santa and get your Christmas wishes in early!

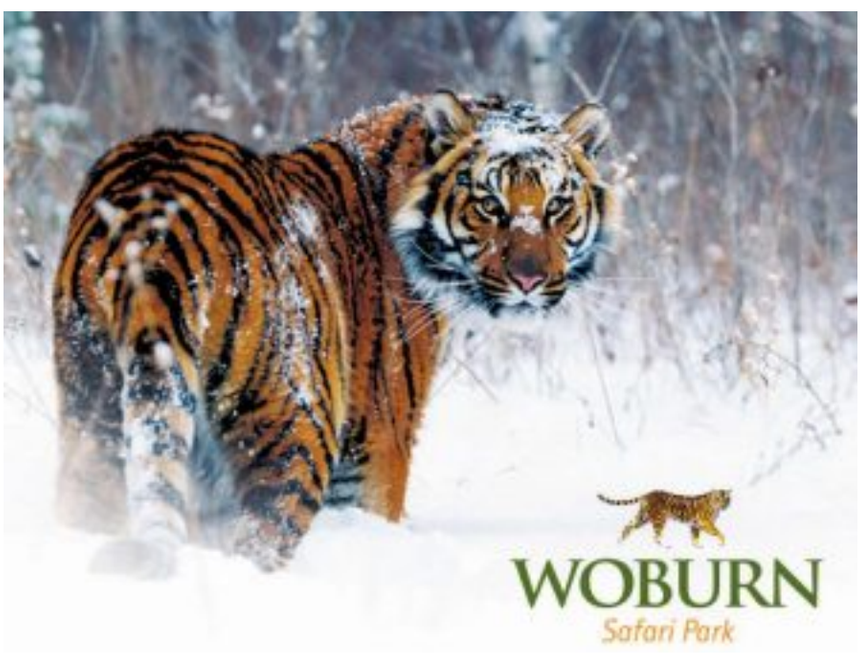
To win one of five family tickets, simply answer the following question:

Santa has a team of magical reindeer who help pull the sleigh to deliver Christmas gifts, but how many reindeer does he have (including Rudolph!)?

A. 9
B. 3
C. 7

Send your answer, along with your name, address and daytime telephone number, to competitions@mk-news.co.uk or MK NEWS, 1 Diamond Court, Fox Milne, MK15 0DU. The closing date is noon on Wednesday, December 19. The winner will be selected at random on the date and the editor's decision is final. Each of the five winners will receive one family ticket (valid for two adults and two children aged three-15 years of age, children under three are free). The prize is non-transferable and there is no cash alternative. If you are under 16 please ask an adult to supervise your entry.

If you are not one of our lucky winners, you can still find fantastic discounted ticket offers online at www.woburn.co.uk/safari or call 01525 290407 for more information.



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Divine Service - 11.15am to 12.45pm
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The fundraising concerts are in aid of Wavendon Allmusic Plan include special guests such as Jan Hunt, Jacqui Dankworth, Lorna Dallas and Charlie Wood.

Tickets cost £32, from www.stables.org or by calling 01908 280800.

noteworthy

MILTON Keynes is set to be filled with music over the coming weeks – here are a selection of concerts.

WOLVERTON Town Band has lots of events planned to bring some festive cheer in the run-up to Christmas, including outside Wolverton Tesco from 7pm tomorrow, at The Meeting Place, Briar Hill in Stacey Bushes on Friday between 5pm-7pm, and at Frosts Garden Centre in Woburn Sands on Saturday and Sunday. For a full run-down of their appearances, see www.mk-news.co.uk.

BRADWELL Silver Band's annual Christmas Concert takes place on Saturday at St James' Church, New Bradwell, from 7.30pm. Tickets £5. A variety of Christmas tunes will be played along with your favourite carols. For more details contact Robin Allen on 01908 616436.

THE Milton Keynes City Orchestra will be presenting its annual Classical Christmas on Saturday, December 22, between 6pm-7.30pm. The venue is the Church of St Peter & St Paul in Newport Pagnell. A magical and festive collection of musical excellence, produced and performed by Milton Keynes' own talented musicians. Tickets £10, under 18s £5, and free for 'little ones', from 01908 558311 or www.mkco.org.

carolsinging

TIME to warm up those voices – 'tis the season for carols! Here is our pick of services:

SPURGEON Baptist Church present Carols for Everybody at Water Eaton Church Centre, Drayton Road, Bletchley, on Saturday at 7.30pm. This special event is to celebrate Christmas with a mix of traditional carols and compositions by the late Trude Bedford, a well-known local musician who would have celebrated her 100th birthday this year. Proceeds from programmes and donations will be given to charities.

MK COMMUNITY Choir is holding Sing Christmas on Saturday. There will be a collection of food and financial donations for The Food Bank. The event is from 7.45pm-10pm at The Ridgeway Centre, Featherstone Road, Wolverton, with Milton Keynes Youth Choir, MK Brass and The Ian Riley Trio. Tickets £10, children £2.50, from 07808 012865 or tickets@mkcommunitychoir.org.

CAROLS in the Country Park takes place on Sunday at Stanton Low, Stantonbury Meadows, in aid of the Save St Peter's Church appeal. The event starts at 3pm and there is car parking at the Hanson Centre.

THE Parks Trust's traditional Christmas Market and annual Carols in the Woods is on Sunday from 2pm at Milton Keynes' Cathedral of Trees in Newlands.

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MK life HOT PICKS

film history

BLETCHLEY Park is hosting a Film Show tomorrow as part of its Winter Lecture Series.

This includes a 1942 Ministry of Information film about Stirling Bomber production, a film depicting life of merchant seamen and a short about taking off and landing on a British aircraft carrier.

Made at the Shorts Shadow Factory near Swindon, the film shows how an increase in production of the Stirling Bomber was achieved.

Starting at 7pm, tickets are £10 from 01908 640404.

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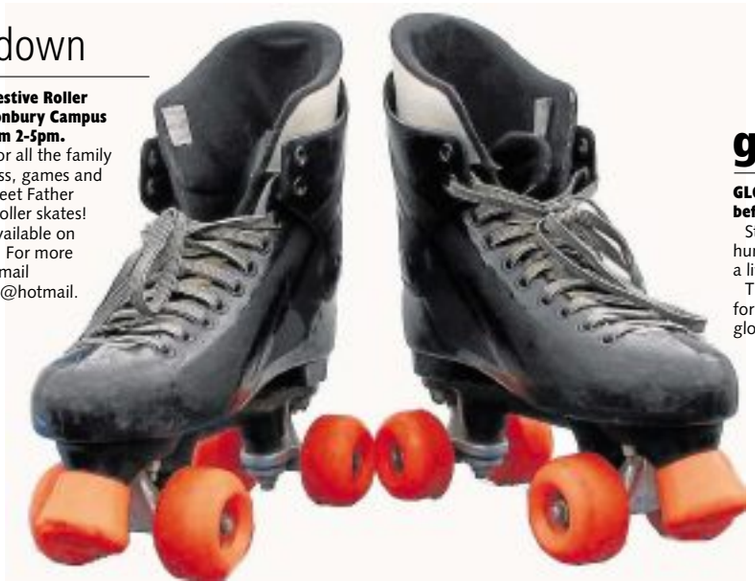
disco down

IT'S a Funky Festive Roller Disco at Stantonbury Campus on Sunday, from 2-5pm.

There's fun for all the family with fancy dress, games and prizes... and meet Father Christmas on roller skates!

Tickets are available on the day for £8. For more information e-mail tomperry2009@hotmail.co.uk.



art show

AN EXHIBITION of artworks is on display at Acorn House, Midsummer Boulevard, CMK.

Featuring MK-based artists Ambrose Hudson Arts and Calibre Graphics, it is on show until January and is free to view.

glow crazy

GLOW MK is a carol service like you've never experienced before – it's taking place in a screen at Cineworld!

Start-up Anglican church St Mark's MK is giving away hundreds of tickets to the service on Tuesday. It includes a live band and glow sticks, at the Xscape venue.

The 7pm service has sold out, but tickets are available for a second service at 8.30pm. They're free, from www.glowmk.com.

bah humbug

THERE'S a special family showing of the 1951 version of Scrooge on Saturday.

From 7pm at St George's Church, Wolverton, enjoy the Christmas classic with Independent Cinema MK, as well as mince pies and mulled wine served by the Wolverton Waitresses. Please take any spare tins or packets to donate to the Food Bank. Reserve your place by emailing ursula@ic-mk.org or from Boutique 73, Church Street, Wolverton.

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Closing date: Wednesday 19th December, 2012

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The Walnuts School
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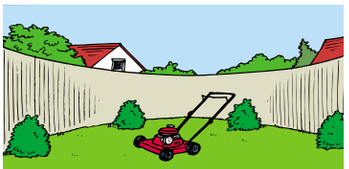

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Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE
MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL
SCHEME OF COUNCILLORS' ALLOWANCES 2012-2013

Under the terms of the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003, the Council is required to have in place a scheme of allowances covering the provision of Basic, Special Responsibility and Child Care and Dependent Carers' allowances for councillors. The Council can also make provision for the payment of a travel and subsistence allowance for councillors.

At its meeting on 11 July 2012 the Council amended the 2012-13 Scheme of Councillors' Allowances as follows:

1. That the Special Responsibility Allowance for the Chair of the new Standards Committee be £2,933.
2. That the Special Responsibility Allowance for the 7 Overview and Scrutiny Select Committee Chairs be £4,549.
3. That the SRA for the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee be not split amongst the other Chairs of the Overview and Scrutiny Select Committees, Executive Scrutiny Panel and Budget Review Group, but should remain fallow under the present arrangements.

Full details are contained in the published "Scheme of Councillors' Allowances" which can be inspected at the Civic Offices, Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes, during standard office hours of 9.00 am - 5.15 pm, Monday to Friday.

Details can also be found on the Council's website at: http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/mayor-and-councillors/

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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(VARIOUS ROADS, BRADWELL COMMON) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING AND LOADING ORDER 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes proposes to make an Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 which will affect all classes of vehicle and will have the following effects in parts of roads within Bradwell Common:-

- The introduction of 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions along parts of Coleshill Place and Downley Avenue;
- The introduction of 'No Loading or Unloading at Any Time' restrictions along parts of Coleshill Place and Downley Avenue.

Exemptions from the proposed Order include: emergency service vehicles, military vehicles, statutory undertakers, building, demolition and excavation, disabled persons' badge holders, and some others.

Copies of the proposed Order together with maps showing the areas referred to and a Statement of Reasons for proposing the Order may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes.

Any objections to the proposals, together with the grounds on which they are made, must be **made in writing** and sent to the undersigned **to be received** no later than 2 January 2012 quoting reference BAS-P&E-006476-2053.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance 12 December 2012

(THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(VARIOUS ROADS, STANTONBURY CAMPUS) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING RESTRICTIONS) ORDER 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 12 December 2012 made an Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 which affects all classes of vehicle. The Order, which comes into effect on 17 December 2012, has the following effect within parts of roads within Stantonbury Campus, Stantonbury, Milton Keynes, as follows:-

- The introduction of 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions along parts of Purbeck.

Exemptions from the Order include emergency service vehicles, military vehicles, statutory undertakers, building, demolition and excavation, disabled persons badge holders, and some others.

A copy of the Order together with map showing the areas referred to and a Statement of Reasons for proposing the Order may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any provision contained in the Order on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act, or on the grounds that any requirement of the Act or any Instrument made under the Act has not been complied with may, within six weeks from the date on which the Order was made, apply to the High Court for that purpose.

Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance 12 December 2012

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(VARIOUS ROADS, NEATH HILL) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING AND LOADING RESTRICTIONS) ORDER 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 12 December 2012 made an Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The Order, which comes into effect on 17 December 2012, affects all classes of vehicle and has the following effects in parts of roads within Neath Hill:-

- The introduction of 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions along parts of Tower Drive, Tower Crescent and the un-named access road leading to Tower Drive Centre;
- The introduction of 'No Loading or Unloading' restrictions, Monday to Friday, 8.00 am to 9.30 am and 2.30 pm to 3.30 pm, along part of the un-named access road leading to Tower Drive Centre.

Exemptions from the Order include: emergency service vehicles, military vehicles, statutory undertakers, building, demolition and excavation, disabled persons badge holders, and some others.

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Philip McCourt, Assistant Director – Law & Governance 12 December 2012

Milton Keynes Council

The following applications may be inspected at the Planning, Economy and Development Department, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Representations, if any, to be submitted in writing to the above address within 21 days of the publication of this notice.

SECTION 73	**WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**
12/02296/FUL	Loft conversion with pitched roof dormer at 1 Lovat Street, Newport Pagnell
12/02518/TCA	Notification of intention to crown reduce 1 x Scots Pine tree by 20%, removing all dead wood and stubs at 9 Mill Lane, Stony Stratford
12/02553/CON	Application for a new planning permission to replace an extant planning permission 07/02014/CON (allowed on appeal), in order to extend the time limit for implementation for the demolition of food store, community centre, retail units, the rear of old fire station and canopy, and wall along Stratford Road at Tesco Stores Ltd, McConnell Drive, Wolverton
SECTION 67 & 73	**LISTED BUILDING WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**
12/02413/FUL	Insertion of 3 windows to front elevation and 2 rooflights to rear elevation at The Granary, Brook Farm, Broughton Road, Milton Keynes Village
12/02414/LBC	Insertion of 3 windows to front elevation and 2 rooflights to rear elevation at The Granary, Brook Farm, Broughton Road, Milton Keynes Village

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT (AS AMENDED)
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT
(DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES) ORDER 2010
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13
MAJOR

12/02511/FUL	Construction of continuation of highway infrastructure; ancillary earthworks, new utilities and roads, ancillary junctions, footways, vehicular cross overs and car parking on the new highway at Newton Leys, Drayton Road, Bletchley
12/02515/REM	Reserved matters pursuant to outline planning permission 02/01337/OUT for appearance, layout, scale, access and landscaping for 259 dwellings and associated works at Phase 3B, San Andres Drive, Newton Leys

Nick Fenwick, Assistant Director Planning, Economy and Development

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT (AS AMENDED)
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING
(DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) ORDER 2010
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DEPARTURE FROM DEVELOPMENT PLAN

12/02204/MKPCO	Outline Application for B1(C) Light Industrial, B2 General Industry and B8 Storage and Distribution uses with Ancillary Office accommodation, new access and associated works at Eagle Farm North off A421 Wavendon Milton Keynes

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT (AS AMENDED)
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING
(DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) ORDER 2010
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13
MAJOR

12/02516/MKPCO	Application for a new planning permission to replace an extant planning permission to extend the time limit for implementation in respect of Area 10 of the Western Expansion Area (Application Ref: 05/00291/MKPCO) at Land Off Watling Street (V4) Western Expansion Area (Areas 10.1, 2 And 10.3) Milton Keynes

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FOOTBALL

Price is not right to bring City boy home

KARL Robinson watched Milton Keynes lad Harry Forrester torment his Dons side on Saturday – and then claimed that he would not be able to afford the talented midfielder.

Forrester pulled the strings for Brentford as the Bees ended MK's nine-match unbeaten streak at Griffin Park with a 3-2 victory to leap-frog Robinson's men in the League One table.

Dons led twice but Forrester scored one and made one for Clayton Donaldson – who bagged a brace – to garnish a commanding performance.

Harry's younger brother, Remy, is in the Dons youth ranks but it was Uwe Rosler's Brentford who snapped up the older sibling following his release from Aston Villa last year.

The London club reportedly beat Ajax to his signature but Robinson is keen to bring him back to his birthplace, although he fears it may not be possible.

"I'd love to be able to afford him," the Dons boss said following the Brentford game.

"They can afford him and we can't, and that's the unfortunate position we're in."

Robinson spoke of his admiration for Forrester, whose contract is up in the summer, at the club's fans' forum last month.

"He's a gifted footballer and he's another one who I'd like to bring," he said.

"It's funny, we all play Championship Manager and there are so many dreams and players you want to sign.

"Unfortunately, with us there is a reality that maybe it's just a little bit too much for us.

"I think this is a fantastic football club for him but there's an awful lot of barriers and hurdles to get across achieve that."

Rosler acknowledged the MK footballer, who turns 22 next month, would attract attention from elsewhere if he maintained this run of sparkling form.

"He needs to look at what he has here," the German said. "He's not the finished article. I'd hate him to make the wrong decision. The grass isn't always greener elsewhere."

Forrester was lured to Griffin Park by Mark Warburton, the club's sporting director who oversaw his rise through the ranks at Watford.

MIDFIELD MAESTRO: Harry Forrester battles with Jon Otsemobor on Saturday
Picture: Andy Handley

FOOTBALL

'Ismail will bounce back'

LENDING AN EAR: Zeli Ismail is replaced at Brentford.

ZELI Ismail will aim to come back stronger after his full Dons debut turned into a huge learning curve.

The 18-year-old on-loan Wolves midfielder made his first start for the club since his temporary switch from Molineux in the 3-2 defeat at Brentford on Saturday, but was withdrawn after just 24 minutes because of fears that he would be sent off.

He was booked for a foul on Brentford's Shaleum Logan after 16 minutes and Karl Robinson opted to replace him with Daniel Powell.

"He was booked really early on and the ref was going to book him before that for another incident," Robinson said.

"The booking was borderline red, it was a bad challenge and not one we can accept, and then he did two things which could have been a booking as well.

"The ref signalled to the fourth official that any time he went anywhere near anybody he had to book him for persistent fouling.

"I had no choice. I had to make that decision.

"I had Dan Powell on the bench who is back fit now and that gave us great strength to change it."

Ismail is on loan at stadiummk until January 2.

He impressed from the bench with his pace and technique when Dons beat Colchester 5-1 at stadiummk last month. He also featured in the FA Cup victory over AFC Wimbledon last weekend.

Robinson believes the youngster's desire to impress was the reason behind his rash performance.

"He was so fired up and ready for the game, so maybe he was over enthusiastic," he said.

"He's a wonderful player, I can see why there's so much hype about him at Wolves.

"I just wanted to protect him. He might not see that at the moment but I'm sure he will do in the future, and he's not got a red card against his name."

Many Wolves fans have called for Ismail to be given a chance at his parent club, who are 16th in the Championship following relegation from the Premier League last term.

"I think he should be in their team as well, " Robinson said. "But thankfully he's not."

"We felt that he should go out on loan for two or three months," Wolves boss Stale Solbakken said.

FOOTBALL

Hughes has left his mark on struggling Pools

STRUGGLING Hartlepool are a different team now that John Hughes is at the helm, Dons boss Karl Robinson has warned.

The north-east club travel to stadiummk on Saturday rooted to the bottom of the table with just nine points and one victory to their name but Robinson is taking nothing for granted.

Scot Hughes left Livingston in November to take his first job in English football at Victoria Park, reportedly ahead of high profile names like Sven-Goran Eriksson and Phil Brown who were also in the frame for the position.

He has been unable to stop the rot after one draw and three defeats from his four games in charge, but Robinson believes that the former Celtic defender will turn Hartlepool around having been impressed by his work north of the border.

"He did one of the best jobs out of any manager I've seen when he was at Falkirk," he said.

"He set the academy up, he set the sports science up and it was a tremendous testament to him.

"He's a very good manager who has so much knowledge of the game, wants to play football in the right way and wants to play youth players."

Robinson has been on coaching courses with Hughes who he said spoke "very well".

And he is in no doubt that the new boss, nicknamed Yogi, has already stamped his mark on the side following the resignation of previous boss Neale Cooper.

"They are trying to play," Robinson said. "We've had them watched over the last three games and they are playing great football.

"In the games they have been very unlucky not to get anything out of it and they are not the side he took over."

Skipper Dean Lewington said that the basement boys would not be underestimated.

"Everyone will assume we're going to win but there's never an easy game and they are going to make it difficult for us," he said.

MK Dons assistant boss MICK HARFORD writes exclusively for MK News every week

THIS week we have been coming in from training absolutely freezing. It feels like we have been doing a hard day's work in just a couple of hours.

We have been training on the stadiummk pitch so everyone has had to chip in to get the covers on and off.

Despite this we have seen some top quality work and the lads have looked lively and shown lots of energy.

We've been working on a bit of a shape in the team, particularly defensively, and one or two other tactical things as we get ready for the weekend's game against Hartlepool.

At the moment we are getting ready for the heavy Christmas schedule but fortunately we're not travelling that far over the festive period.

We've got Doncaster on December 22 and then two home games before a trip to Notts County on New Year's Day, which is no great distance.

It's a great time to play football as everyone's happy, stadiums are fuller and there's a different atmosphere.

You do seem to get a lot of strange results over this period as games come thick and fast.

We prepare the players mentally to be switched on and organised for every match we play and we will approach them all in a professional manner.

This evening myself and Alex Rae will take a side to play Aylesbury FC in the Berks & Bucks Cup Quarter-Finals.

It'll be the kids mainly, and one or two lads who need a game, and there will be the chance to stake a claim for a spot in the first team.

The cup team is a good link between the youth team and the first team and it'll be interesting to see what some of the lads do against older players.

There is a trophy up for grabs which we will be hoping to win and we always like to give players a winning mentality. It's part of their build up of becoming professional footballers.

FIXTURES

SAT	HARTLEPOOL (H)
DEC 22	DONCASTER (A)
DEC 26	WALSALL (H)
DEC 29	COVENTRY (H)
JAN 1	NOTTS COUNTY (A)

LEAGUE ONE TABLE

		Home					Away						
Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Tranmere Rovers	21	5	4	2	20	10	6	3	1	18	8	20	40
Doncaster Rovers	21	5	1	4	12	10	7	3	1	18	7	13	40
Sheffield United	21	5	5	0	18	10	5	4	2	11	8	11	39
Brentford	21	8	2	1	21	11	2	6	2	10	10	10	38
Stevenage	21	3	5	2	14	17	7	2	2	15	10	2	37
MK Dons	21	7	2	1	16	5	3	4	4	14	12	13	36
Notts County	21	4	2	4	14	12	5	6	0	18	8	12	35
Swindon Town	21	4	4	3	16	8	5	2	3	14	10	12	33
Bournemouth	21	4	5	1	18	11	4	3	4	18	22	3	32
Crawley Town	21	5	3	3	19	17	4	2	4	10	13	-1	32
Leyton Orient	21	5	0	5	10	9	5	1	5	14	14	1	31
Crewe Alexandra	21	5	2	3	12	10	3	4	4	15	18	-1	30
Yeovil Town	21	4	2	5	12	14	5	0	5	18	17	-1	29
Preston	21	3	5	3	16	11	4	2	4	16	16	5	28
Coventry City	21	3	4	4	18	15	4	2	4	15	13	5	27
Oldham Athletic	21	3	3	4	11	10	4	2	5	11	14	-2	26
Colchester	21	4	3	4	14	14	2	2	6	9	19	-10	23
Carlisle United	21	2	2	7	14	28	4	3	3	13	13	-14	23
Walsall	21	2	3	5	12	19	3	4	4	11	16	-12	22
Portsmouth	21	3	1	6	12	13	2	4	5	15	20	-6	20
Shrewsbury	21	4	3	3	13	11	0	4	7	10	18	-6	19
Bury	21	2	4	5	10	16	2	3	5	13	19	-12	19
Scunthorpe	21	1	3	7	11	23	3	2	5	10	16	-18	17
Hartlepool	21	1	3	7	8	19	0	3	7	7	20	-24	9

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TOURING CARS

Nash aims for the top

CAR CHASE: James Nash racing in the World Touring Car Championship

JAMES Nash is targeting the World Touring Cars title after his switch to Silverstone based outfit Bamboo Engineering.

The 26-year-old driver acknowledged his debut season on the global stage was "very frustrating" but the former Team Aon man will swap his Ford Focus for a Chevrolet Cruze 1.6T, a car the city racer believes can help him reach the next level.

Newly crowned world champion Rob Huff drives a Cruze, and second and third placed Alain Menu and Yvan Muller were also behind the wheel of the same car during their campaigns.

Nash, the MK racer, believes he will now be able to challenge the best after finishing in 20th place last season.

"I can't wait to try the car out," Nash said.

"Last year I watched the Chevrolets come past me and they looked awesome.

"I hope they drive as well as they look. I can't wait to have a play."

Mechanical problems plagued Nash's debut season, but the Cruze is at a more advanced stage of its development.

Nash is a former British Touring Cars Independents' Champion and he will be hoping to replicate that feat at world level. He believes he now has the firepower to challenge for Huff's overall crown.

"This move will give me a chance to show my full potential," he said. "The ambition is to challenge for the drivers championship in 2013."

Nash has signed a one-year deal with the option to renew but his team mate has not been chosen.

After three points finishes and seven retirements in 2012 he is looking forward to better things.

"There were positives, such as learning all the tracks and leading a race, but overall it was very frustrating," he said. "Now I have bigger targets."

The new season begins in Italy in March.

"Nash will be a challenger this year," Bamboo Team Principal Richard Coleman said.

BOBSLEIGH / ATHLETICS

Pickering to cut the ice

ICE COOL: Craig Pickering hopes to carve out a career in bobsleigh

CRAIG Pickering plans to become only the third British athlete to compete at both a Summer and Winter Olympics after setting his sights on bobsleigh glory.

The MK Athletic Club sprinter took to the track in Beijing in 2008 and now wants to compete in more chillier climes in Sochi in 2014, following in the footsteps of fellow sprinters Marcus Adam and Allyn Condon.

"The aim is to try and enhance the Great Britain squad, and to win a medal," said Pickering, who has only been able to practice using a sled with wheels as Britain does not have a bobsleigh track.

"I've been for some tests and have been learning skills I can do on land," he said.

Pickering, 26, was lured to the sport after he had his funding withdrawn by UK Athletics in October.

Pickering saw his hopes of competing in the relays at London 2012 dashed when he had to undergo back surgery.

But, contrary to reports, the world bronze medallist says he is not quitting athletics, believing he can combine the two careers.

He was first approached by British bobsleigh performance director Gary Anderson about the idea.

"I lost my funding and Gary said come and give this a try," Pickering said.

"They have been trying to get me over as the skills are similar.

"You have to be big and strong but in bobsleigh you are pushing something which you then have to get in, so that's a skill I will need to learn."

Anderson feels Pickering has the physical tools to be a success in the sport. "He is perfectly suited to the sport and having athletes of his calibre will once again raise the bar in terms of athletic performance," Anderson told BBC Sport.

The film Cool Runnings told the story of how Jamaican athletes made a similar switch, but it is no laughing matter for Pickering who is aiming for a spot on the podium in 2014.

He hopes to make the GB four man team, as one of the two middle men who are charged with getting the sled off to a quick start.

However, to be a bobsledder he will have to be up to 6kg heavier, meaning his weight could fluctuate.

"If my 100m is good it will make the bobsleigh better and vice versa," Pickering said.

ICE HOCKEY

Lightning slide out of cup contention with loss

MK LIGHTNING'S hopes of lifting the English Premier League Cup came to an end on Saturday after a miserable 5-1 defeat at home to Guildford Flames.

Silverware is very much the goal at Planet Ice this season but Nick Poole's side must now focus on the other two trophies on offer - the league title and the end of season play-offs.

Certain games this season have counted towards both the league and cup qualification - forming separate league and cup tables - and after 18 of these matches Lightning have finished fifth, outside of the all important top four which is where you need to be to make it into the semi-finals.

A victory over Guildford would have been enough to take Lightning through to the stage they exited the competition at last year. But the defeat, coupled with Slough Jets' victory over Telford Tigers, has seen the Berkshire outfit sneak into the semis at the expense of Poole's men.

It was a close run thing though as Slough only secured the points they needed after penalty shots, following a 2-2 draw in regular time.

A miserable weekend was completed for Lightning on Sunday when they lost 2-0 at Manchester Phoenix in a sole league encounter.

The back-to-back defeats, where only one goal was scored, came after a superb three-game run which saw Telford dispatched 9-0, a 5-2 away win over Swindon Wildcats and a 3-1 victory over Slough on Wednesday night.

Lightning have been consistently inconsistent this term as they battle to put trophies in their cabinet after missing out last season.

They sit fifth in the English Premier League table, six points adrift of leaders Basingstoke Bison.

Lightning will now hope to bounce back in the league on Sunday, when, ironically, cup foes Slough will be the visitors to Planet Ice.

SPORTSSHORTS

RUGBY UNION

MILTON Keynes held off a spirited fightback from Grove to win 22-20 at Emerson Valley on Saturday.

The four points leaves City perched in third place in the Southern Counties North ahead of a trip to Wallingford on Saturday.

The famous home slope had a big impact on Saturday as City roared into a 22-8 lead by half time.

Grove opened the scoring with a penalty, but, on 13 minutes, Phil Powell zipped the ball down the three quarter line for Gavin Whitehead to score MK's first try in the corner.

The visitors responded with a try of their own, but Powell kicked an MK penalty to level the game at 8-8.

Whitehead then added his second try, which this time was converted, and the extras were also added after a penalty try to give MK their healthy lead at the interval.

Dan Rolfe was just stopped short when trying to add another MK try which would have been invaluable, but it was Grove who went over twice in the second half.

Crucially though, only one score was converted which allowed MK to sneak home.

In the same division Olney beat Drifters 28-21 but Bletchley lost 39-0 to Old Centralians in the South West 1 East.

HOCKEY

MK Mens' firsts were narrowly edged out 3-2 by South League Premier Division high flyers Brighton and Hove.

The south coast club led after an early corner but Rich Townsend levelled before two quick breaks handed Brighton a 3-1 lead.

Stephen Ruse pulled one back for MK in the second half but they could not level.

Elsewhere, the seconds thrashed Wokingham firsts 5-1, the thirds beat Wokingham seconds 4-1 and the fourths beat Bicester seconds 5-2.

There was a win for the Ladies' first team who beat Southgate seconds 1-0 thanks to a goal from Lou Reynolds. Goals from Gemma Little (2), Trish O'Rourke, Fran Shepherd and Sophie Wombwell gave the seconds a 5-3 victory over Wokingham while thirds went down 7-0 to Kidlington firsts.

SWIMMING

A TEAM of City of Milton Keynes swimmers competed in the Arena League Regional final in Coventry on Saturday.

They ended up third in the league, which is the best performance in the club's history.

Winning swims came from Charlotte Evans, Oliver Lines, Isobel Jones and the Women's open freestyle relay team.

ATHLETICS

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Dons prepared to fight off bids for players in transfer window

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KARL Robinson concedes his main task during the January transfer window will be fending off bids for his leading players.

The Dons boss would like to strengthen his promotion-chasing side in the new year but, with a strict budget to adhere to, he may not land the players he wants.

Instead, it could be a month spent fighting off interest in the likes of Shaun Williams and Stephen Gleeson.

"I don't think it will be a case of me throwing money out," Robinson said.

"It'll be a case of stopping money coming in. There will be an awful lot of people who will be very interested.

"But we've got a goal and we've set our sights on getting out of League One.

"Is there one or two players I'd like to buy? Definitely. There's two players I'd love to bring in but we don't know if they'd fit into our price range."

Robinson said it is a "tremendous testament" to the club that the Dons are able to consistently challenge for promotion with big-spending rivals.

"There are a lot of teams who can throw £500,000 at something and not even bat an eyelid," said Robinson whose side have enjoyed three play-off campaigns in the last four years.

"It's amazing how they can do it consistently but it's impossible for us.

"We've a budget we stick too and there's a spreadsheet to adhere too, and we can't just throw money away."

With money at a premium, Robinson could instead look to extend the stays of the quartet of loan players at the club.

The temporary spells of QPR winger Angelo Balanta, Chelsea striker Patrick Bamford, Wolves winger Zeli Ismail and Crystal Palace striker Ibra Sekajja all come to a end in early January.

Robinson, who is enjoying having a number of extra options in his squad, revealed discussions are under way to keep them at *stadium*-mk.

"They are gifted footballers but, if not, we feel that we have good enough players," the manager said.

"We're happy with the squad and we've saved money.

"Everyone's happy upstairs. It's important that when we do our business we keep one eye on the cash flow."

Meanwhile, Jay O'Shea and Jabo Ibehre are on loan at Chesterfield and Colchester United respectively.

O'Shea marked his debut for the Spireites on Saturday with a goal in their 2-0 victory over Port Vale.

Robinson said it was not clear whether either player would extend their spells. Ibehre is due back on December 27 and O'Shea on January 5.

"We just to see what happens and see where we are at financially as well," Robinson said.

"People get shocked when they see our players going out and doing well but that's why they are at the football club, because they are good players.

"If he didn't go and score goals I'd be very disappointed, if Jabo wasn't making a difference at Colchester I'd be very disappointed."

EYES DOWN: Pete Winkelman and Karl Robinson will have plenty to discuss next month. Picture: Andy Handley

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We all love food at Christmas - it's one of the things that makes the festive season special. And in the UK Christmas shopping baskets contain not only 10 million turkeys, but also around 370 million mince pies and 25 million Christmas puddings.

Have a well-planned, money-saving Christmas

Count down to Christmas by eating food from the freezer. It clears space for leftovers and makes use of what's already there, saving money in the run up to the celebrations.

If you're used to cooking for a small number of people and need to cater for a party, use the Love Food Hate Waste on-line portion tool. Enter the food you're planning to cook and the number of people coming to eat - the portion calculator does the rest, letting you know how much to buy and prepare. And to help with festive planning there are two versions, one for everyday foods and the other for parties. Don't forget to eat any leftovers next day or freeze for another time.

Before you go shopping it's worth checking your cupboards and freezer to see what's there. Making a simple meal plan is really helpful too, especially at this time of year when you're busy and may be catering for extra people.

Make a shopping list so you only buy what you need. And if there are tempting Christmas offers and festive treats, don't forget to freeze them if you don't get round to eating them.

You can freeze almost any food. If it's got a 'use by' date freeze before the date, defrost and use it within 24 hours.

- Stilton freezes really well without grating and can be defrosted for the cheese board, a quiche or soup.
- Potatoes can be parboiled, covered in fat and frozen. Roast from frozen.
- Cooked meat, including turkey and ham can be frozen. Thaw in the fridge overnight and use in casseroles, curries and stews.
- Frozen bread can be toasted straight from the freezer and tastes as good as when it's fresh.

Love Food Hate Waste has loads of ideas for using up leftover food this Christmas:

- Sick of Christmas pudding? Try turning it into a tasty strudel.
- Loads of sprouts left? Use them with leftover roast or boiled potatoes to make bubble and squeak. Simply chop and fry together in a pan with some butter.
- Wondering what to do with all that turkey and ham? Make a turkey, ham and leek pie.
- Bought too much mincemeat? Heat a small amount in a pan and spoon over ice-cream for an alternative Christmas pudding.

Indulge yourself

Christmas is a great time to indulge. Whether it's a traditional turkey roast with all the trimmings, mince pies with lots of cream or a sherry trifle - treats help brighten the dark December days.

Love Food Hate Waste also has some great indulgent festive recipes. If time's running out try the last minute Christmas cake, use up cranberries in cranberry brownies or make an easy chocolate mayonnaise cake.

For top tips about how to cook turkey visit the Food Standards Agency website: **www.nhs.uk/livewell/healthychristmas/pages/cooking-turkey.aspx**

Visit **www.lovefoodhatewaste.com** for more information

Changes to your refuse collections over Christmas and New Year

From **Christmas Day, Tuesday 25th December** recycling and refuse collection dates will change as detailed below - please make a note of the date changes and put your refuse and recycling out on your property boundary by 7am on your revised collection days.

Normal collection day	Revised collection day
CHRISTMAS WEEK	
Monday 24th December	**No Change**
Tuesday 25th December	**Thursday 27th December**
Wednesday 26th December	**Friday 28th December**
Thursday 27th December	**Saturday 29th December**
Friday 28th December	**Monday 31st December**

Normal collection day	Revised collection day
SECOND WEEK OF JANUARY	
Monday 7th January	**Tuesday 8th January**
Tuesday 8th January	**Wednesday 9th January**
Wednesday 9th January	**Thursday 10th January**
Thursday 10th January	**Friday 11th January**
Friday 11th January	**Saturday 12th January**

FIRST WEEK OF JANUARY	
Monday 31st December	**Wednesday 2nd January**
Tuesday 1st January	**Thursday 3rd January**
Wednesday 2nd January	**Friday 4th January**
Thursday 3rd January	**Saturday 5th January**
Friday 4th January	**Monday 7th January**

FROM MONDAY 14TH JANUARY ALL COLLECTIONS RETURN TO NORMAL

Please note that these dates may be subject to change in the event of extreme weather conditions which could disrupt refuse collections.
For all the latest news on refuse collections please visit **www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/recycling** and click on Collection Service Updates.

Calling all residents with Wednesday refuse collections

All residents should have received a copy of our bin hanger which lists the dates by the end of the week.

We are aware there is a misprint which affects residents whose usual collection day is Wednesday. For Wednesday 26th December, collections will move to Friday 28th December – however the bin hanger states Friday 29th December.
We apologise for any confusion caused – a correct version can be downloaded from our website:
www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/recycling

Recycle all you can this Christmas

- Put your real Christmas tree out alongside your green bin for collection
- Put all waste food including peelings, leftovers and bones in your green bin – remember you can wrap your scraps in newspaper or paper liners to keep your kitchen caddy clean
- Put clean plastic food containers, aerosols and waxed drinks cartons in your pink sack with paper, plastic bottles, card, cans and aluminium
- Put used batteries in your yellow battery bag

Christmas and New Year opening at our Community Recycling Centres

Our three Community Recycling Centres at Bleak Hall, New Bradwell and Newport Pagnell are open during the winter months from 8am – 5pm with the exception of the following days:

Christmas Eve 8am – 1pm **Christmas Day** closed all day **Boxing Day** closed all day
New Year's Eve 8am – 1pm **New Year's Day** closed all day

Sign up for our free **email and text messaging service** which will remind you of the above date changes – **www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/recyclingsignup**

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